CLAIMS

1. A method for applying an elastic member on an elastic web of material comprising:

providing an elastic web of material running in a travelling direction;

applying adhesive in a predetermined adhesive pattern on the web of material;

applying a continuous elastic member in an elastic pattern on the adhesive, wherein the elastic member is applied in a direction of extension which deviates from the travelling direction at least within portions of the elastic member;

applying a non-elastic web of material over the elastic web of material, wherein the non-elastic web of material is brought to cover the adhesive pattern, whereby the elastic member is locked between the elastic web of material and the non-elastic web of material in the applied position on the adhesive pattern;

wherein the non-elastic web of material is given a band shape with a first non-linear edge and a second non-linear edge and the shape of the non-elastic web of material is brought to generally coincide with the shape of the adhesive pattern.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the first non-linear edge of the non-elastic material web is formed by cutting the material web before laying down the non-elastic material web on the elastic material web.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the second non-linear edge of the non-elastic material web is formed after laying down the non-elastic material web on the elastic material web.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the elastic material web constitutes a component in a production web for the production of hygienic panties, wherein leg openings are cut out in the production web, the second non-linear edge of the non-elastic material web being formed when cutting the leg openings.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein a plurality of absorbent cores are applied to the production web between the leg openings.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the elastic member is laid down on the elastic material web in a sinus-curve shape.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the elastic member, along at least one part of its length, is laid down outside of the elastic material web.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the at least one part of the elastic member which is laid down outside the elastic material web is cut away after application of the non-elastic material web.

9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the elastic member comprises at least two part-members.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the non-elastic material web is constituted by a nonwoven material.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the elastic material web is constituted by a three-layer laminate having a nonwoven layer attached to each side of an apertured elastic film.